**Minutes**

Call to Order

Motion to Approve the Agenda: 1st: \_\_Kim Deniker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_Nancy Blaskewicz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_October 8, 2014\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Called to Order at (Time): \_\_5:45 PM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Location/Address: \_\_\_Wilmington Area Middle School Library, 400 Wood Street, New Wilmington, PA\_\_\_\_\_

**Intro of Officers Present**: \_X Michele Evans, President \_X Nancy Blaskewicz, Membership

\_X Mary Ann Wilson, Secretary \_X Kim Deniker, Government Relations

\_X Mary Campbell, Treasurer \_X Heather Buchan \_\_\_ Maile Kirkpatrick

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| * **Secretary’s Report -** *Mary Ann Wilson*   + Meeting minutes from May 2014 meeting were reviewed.   + Hard copies of minutes are available.   + Additions/Corrections for the May, 2014 meeting.   + Stand approved. | * **Membership Report –** *Nancy Blaskewicz*   + Current Membership Count: 51   + Date of Count from KSRA Reports: August 2014   + New Membership Incentives?   + Contact Universities, Public Libraries, and School Library, Reading, English teachers to prompt membership interest |
| * **Treasurer’s Report –** *Mary Campbell*   + Current Checking Balance: $4,050.53 * Expenses: 0 * Deposits: * Report will be filed for audit * Library Donations * Bills to be approved/paid: | * **Government Relations Report** *– Kim Deniker*   + See <http://ksrapa.org/?page_id=848> for ongoing Pennsylvania House Education Contact Information.   + Useful government relation links are also available.  1. The International Reading Association (IRA) will soon be known as the International Literacy Association (ILA) 2. PAAECTE has aligned the PA standards for reading with the National Core Standards for reading.   Refer to BLMRC website under  ***Government Relations*** for more details. |

* **President’s Report**
  + Act 48 Hours
    - Sign in for Hours
    - All Act 48 Hours should be credited to your PDE Account, if not let us know.
  + Reminders for Members
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year
      * Community Grant Award
      * Celebrate Literacy Award

**Old Business:**

* Logo: President Michelle Evans presented a new logo for the BLMRC. Linda Zeigler made the first motion. Kim Deniker seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
  + Logo is a round clip art with a Kings crow with three spikes on the top representing the three counties. Reading Council is listed with the year of inception. Black and white.
* Wiki has been asked to re-categorize because they now want to charge for using it. Kim requested that it be considered “educational” so that it will remain free for the council. Wiki Confirmed that it will be free and considered educational.
* Charter: We are still waiting to hear from IRA concerning this. Eric MacDonald is aware and inquiring at the KSRA level.
* The Council will now conduct council business through Wikispaces and Google Drive.
  + Kim introduced Wikispaces that can be used for members to communicate. Agendas, meeting minutes, award applications, forms, and the by-laws are all able to be accessed by all members.
    - Members will be asked to join Wikispaces in order to access. Once they join, they can simply type in the address [www.wikispaces.com/blmrc](http://www.wikispaces.com/blmrc) and it will access the information.
  + Google Drive can be used as a communication tool for officers and for housing of archived documents. Print will also be maintained.
  + E-mails will still be sent to announce meetings and provide a link to the Wiki.

**New Business**

* Kim McCormick spoke on behalf of the American Cancer Society by showing a short video and promoting her new book, *Lessons from Little Kings and Queens* ($16.95). All proceeds from the purchase of the books will be donated to pediatric cancer research and ovarian cancer research, if the books are bought directly from Kim. E-mail her at McCormick@wilmington.k12.pa.us. Purchases may also be made at Grand Book and Bible in New Castle.

Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_6:30 PM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Program: \_Technology Training\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kim Deniker presented the Reading Council Wikispaces.com to members in order for them to remaining current on reading council information. BLMRC now has its own Wikispaces, thanks to hours of work of website development by Kim. The public, members and nonmembers, can view our Wikispace at: [www.blmrc.wikispaces.com](file:///C:\Users\deniker\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.IE5\TM04XB1X\www.blmrc.wikispaces.com). There is an introduction to our council, our agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of previous meetings and by navigating around the home page, viewers can learn about government relations updates, resources for teachers, and ILA information. There are forms for membership, applications for literacy awards and applications for grants.